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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 March 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 7-10 and 19-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 7-10 and 19-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. 20070404.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.
2. Claims 7-10, 19-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davis et al(6,367,009).
3. As per claim 7, Davis et al. discloses providing a plurality of machines(fig. 2 sheet 1, reference numbers 10, states wired clients) authorized to access the web server(i.e. MTS, can function as a web server)(see sheet 2, fig. 2, col. 9, lines 14-20); associating with each authorized machine an access table storing authorization information, Davis discloses because a certificate chain, has associated certificates that are all stored in table at a certificate authority(see col. 1, lines 11, lines 29-34)(see col. 9, lines 65-67, col. 10, lines 1-18); coupling one of the authorized machines to an access requester (see col. 11, lines 29-64); verifying that the requester is authorized to access a resource on the web server with reference to the access table associated with the authorized machine to which the requester is coupled, because Davis discloses the requester which is the client is verified to access a resource on the MTS(i.e. web server) with reference to the certificate associated with the machine, all certificates have an access table in which certificates are stored(see col. 11, lines 29-45, see col. 15, lines 25-45). Davis does not disclose allowing the requester to assume the identity of the authorized machine to which the requester is coupled after verifying that the requester is authorized, and based on the requester

assuming the identity of the authorized machine allowing the requester access to the resource. Godwin et al discloses allowing the requester to assume the identity of the authorized machine to which the requester is coupled after verifying that the requester is authorized, and based on the requester assuming the identity of the authorized machine allowing the requester access to the resource(see col. 12, lines 36-41). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include assume the identity of the authorized machine of Godwin with Davis, the motivation is that allowing users to obtain access to all needed resources is desirable, allowing the user to assume the identity of the machine provides a level of security that can track resource allocation(see col. 1, lines 66-67, col. 2, lines 1-7 of Godwin).

4. As per claim 8, Davis et al. discloses wherein the plurality of authorized machines includes a first authorized machine that is authorized to access a first subset of resources at the web server and a second authorized machine that is authorized to access a second subset of resources at the web server, wherein the second subset differs from the first subset(see col. 13, lines 59-67, col. 14, lines 1-5).

5. As per claim 9, Davis et al. discloses wherein the plurality of authorized machines includes a first authorized machine that is authorized to access a first subset of resources at the web server and a second authorized machine that is authorized to access a second subset of resources at the web server, wherein the second subset overlaps with the first subset(see col. 13, lines 59-67, col. 14, lines 1-15).

6. As per claim 10, Davis discloses wherein the first and second subsets are identical (see col. 13, lines 59-67).

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7. Same Motivation as claim 7 above. As per claim 19, Davis discloses a processor; authorization database containing logic for execution by the processor, the processor to determine, based on the logic, a port to couple the network element to a user; and a port to couple the network element to a network resource(see col. 15, lines 25-65). Godwin discloses whether a user is authorized to assume the identity of the network element to gain access to a network resource that the network element is pre-authorized to access(see col. 12, lines 36-41).

8. As per claim 20, Davis discloses wherein the authorization database correlates user identifiers with resources accessible via the network element(see col. 9, lines 65-67, col. 10, lines 1-18).

9. Same Motivation as claim 7. As per claim 21, Davis discloses arranging a network element in a network, the network element being preauthorized to access a set of network resources; receiving, at the network element, a request from a user to connect to the network element(see col. 15, lines 25-65); determining whether the user is authorized to connect to the network element(see col. 15, lines 45-51). Godwin discloses allowing the user to assume the identity of the network element; and accessing, by the user, one of the set of network resources that the network element is pre-authorized to access, based on the user's assuming the identity of the network element(see col. 12, lines 36-41).

10. As per claim 22, Davis discloses wherein the network element is coupled to one or more network servers providing the set of network resources(see col. 15, lines 25-65).

11. As per claim 23, Davis discloses checking an identity characteristic of the user to determine whether the user is authorized to connect to the network element(see col. 15, lines 45-51).

Response to Applicant

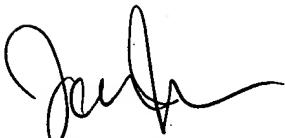
12. An after-final was mailed 1/23/07, stating that the request for reconsideration has been considered but does not place the Application in condition for allowance. An interview was conducted on 3/13/07 to discuss prior art Davis in view of claim 7. The Applicant agreed with the Applicant in personal interview, that Davis does not disclose the limitation "requester assuming the identity of the machine". The Examiner has re-opened prosecution based in light of Applicant's remarks conducted in the interview. Thus, the Examiner has conducted a search, and provided a 103, to meet the limitation, "requester assuming the identity of the machine".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jenise E. Jackson whose telephone number is (571) 272-3791. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) alternate Friday's.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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